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SUBJECT: POST-MORTEM ON GROUP AGRICULTURE DISPUTE

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1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH DCM JULY 22 ON OTHER MATTERS, AND PRIOR TO OUR RECEIPT OF REFTEL, SOAMES TOOK OCCASION TO COMPLAIN TO DCM ABOUT TONE OF US REMARKS AT MOST RECENT MEETING ON NTM GROUP IN WHICH, ACCORDING TO ABBOTT'S REPORT (WHICH SOAMES SHOWED DCM), US JOINED AUSTRALIANS IN CRITIZING EC BOTH FOR REFUSAL TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL RESTRICTIONS IN THAT GROUP AND IN COMPLAINING THAT EC HAD NOT PROPOSED MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE, WHERE EC WOULD HAVE BEEN WILLING TO TALK. WHAT APPEARED TO BOTHER SOAMES MOST WAS APPARENT INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN VIGOROUS US EFFORT TO AVOID MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE EARLIER THIS SUMMER AND STATEMENT REPORTED BY EC DEL IN GENEVA THAT US CHARGED THAT EC HAD NEVER PROPOSED SUCH MEETING. SOAMES ACCEPTED FACT THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD HAVE TO MAKE STATEMENTS OF THEIR VIEWS

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"FOR THE GALLERIES", BUT HE FEARED ATMOSPHERICS IN GENEVA WERE

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UP IN SUCH A WAY AS TO CALL INTO QUESTION WHETHER US REMAINED COMMITTED TO PROCEDURAL COMPROMISE REACHED LAST WINTER IN WHICH BOTH SIDES AGREED TO PLAY DOWN THEIR DISAGREEMENTS DURING THIS YEAR.

2. DCM SAID WE HAD NOT RECEIVED A REPORT CONFIRMING SOAMES ACCOUNT BUT REMINDED SOAMES THAT IT WAS IN FACT EC WHICH HAD PRACIPITATED GROUP AGRICULTURE MEETING PROBLEM, WHICH IN TURN HAD CAUSED MANY IN WASHINGTON TO WONDER WHETHER EC STILL FELT BOUND BY PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING. SOAMES SAID THERE HAD BEEN PRESSURES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FOR AN AGRICULTURE GROUP MEETING AND THAT FINAL COMMUNITY FORMULATION, IN PETTERSON'S OFFICE, THAT EC WOULD FIND IT "NORMAL AND DESIRABLE" TO HAVE SUCH A MEETING HAD BEEN AN ATTEMPT TO MEET THESE PRESSURES WHILE NOT ENDANGERING US-EC UNDERSTANDING. PROOF OF THIS, ACCORDING TO SOAMES, WAS THAT EC HAD NOT PRESSED FOR MEETING AFTER US OBJECTED. HE SINCERELY REGRETTED IT IF, IN PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION POSITION, US HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE. DCM SAID THAT INTENDED NEUTRALITY OF COMMISSION'S POSITION WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE EVIDENT HAD THEY BEEN RESPONDING TO PRESSURE FROM OTHERS FOR GROUP AGRICULTURE MEETING, RATHER THAN INITIATING THE EXCHANGE WITH SECRETARIAT AS THEY DID. SOAMES SEEMD TO TAKE THE POINT. HE THEN REPEATED HIS CONCERN ABOUT MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH, HE SAID, HE HAD NOT FULLY APPRECIATED BEFORE, AND URGED US TO CALL SUCH PROBLEMS TO HIS ATTENTION IN FUTURE. DCM SAID WE WOULD HAVE DONE SO AT THAT TIME, BUT HE HAS OUT OF TOWN AND, BY TIME EC INSTRUCTIONS HAD GONE TO GENEVA, DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE. IN ANY CASE, SOAMES ASKED THAT WE SET THE RECORD CLEAR AS WELL AS CONVEY HIS FEELING OF GROWING CONCERN OVER WHAT HE REGARDS AS DETERIORATION IN GENEVA ATMOSPHERE, AND DCM SAID HE WOULD SO REPORT.

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